

Profile for



City Council Member Ed Adkison
[City of Riverside, California](#)

[Ward 5](#)



Personal Profile

Council Member Ed Adkison was born in South Gate, California, in 1955. In his early childhood, he resided in the unincorporated Rancho Cucamonga area until he was five years of age, when his family, including two brothers, moved to Paramount, California. To assist the family's limited income, he began to seek employment at the young age of ten, where he delivered newspapers for the Harold American. Subsequently, he carried two more papers, consisting of the Long Beach Press Telegram and Long Beach Daily Signal. He attended public schools.

In 1969, the Adkison family was forced to move as a result of the State of California purchasing the family home for the construction of the Century Freeway. The family then moved to Garden Grove, where he completed high school.

Council Member Adkison, a business major at California State University, Fullerton, met a land surveyor who influenced and changed his career thinking. He then redirected his education and entered the Surveyors' Joint Apprenticeship program, sponsored by the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Council Member Adkison met his wife, Judy, in 1975 and later married in 1980. They immediately moved from Orange County to the City of Riverside in order to raise their family and enjoy Riverside's semi-rural lifestyle.

Prior to moving to Riverside, he worked at professional engineering firms in Orange County. After gaining many years of experience, he saw a need for the development of a company that would provide a total commitment, by the professional, on each and every project.

In 1984, after obtaining his land-surveying license, he opened Adkan Engineers, a full-service civil engineering firm in the City of Riverside. Adkan Engineers is currently celebrating over 20 years of engineering services to the Southern California community.

Educational Profile

Council Member Adkison graduated from Garden Grove High School in 1973 and in 1976 received his Associates of Arts Degree in Accounting from Fullerton Junior College. He then completed two years of undergraduate coursework, majoring in Business Administration from 1976 to 1978 at California State University, Fullerton.

Soon thereafter, Council Member Adkison enrolled in the Surveyors' Joint Apprenticeship Committee Program at Santa Ana College, established by the International Union of Operating Engineers. His pursuit in extended education in civil engineering studies continued at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona) in 1985 and at the University of California, Riverside in 1991.

Professional Profile

Council Member Adkison was elected into public office in January 2000 whereby he represents the Fifth Ward on the seven-member Riverside City Council. He presently represents Riverside's constituency on three policy committees of the legislative body. Council Member Adkison serves as chair of the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee, vice chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, member of the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee.

Council Member Adkison also served on the March Joint Powers Commission (2004-2006), which oversees the joint review of March Air Reserve Base. The Joint Powers Commission represents the nation's largest reserve base and promotes the economic viability of the March Air Reserve Base to the Inland Empire.

The Joint Powers Commission was recently successful in its lobbying efforts to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission in May 2005 from keeping March Air Reserve Base from being placed on the Department of Defense's list of proposed military base closures. This critical action of labor by the March Joint Powers Commission was a result of the Pentagon's proposal to downsize the number of military facilities in an attempt to reduce military operating costs.

Memberships and Associations

- Industrial Technology Advisory Committee for the Alvord Unified School District
Committee Member from 1987 to 1993
- Industrial Technology Advisory Committee for the Alvord Unified School District
Chairman in 1992
- Founding Director (Co-founder) of the Mira Loma Chamber of Commerce
Director from 1991 to 1995
President in 1992
- Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
Corporate Member from 1984 to Present
- Transportation and Land Management Agency Study Team for the County of
Riverside
Chairman from 1991 to 1992
- Executive 2000 Club of the Riverside Community Hospital Foundation
(Non-profit organization promoting cardiac care)
Member from 1994 to 2002
- Riverside Building Industry Association for the County of Riverside
Member from 1983 to 1994
- California Land Surveyors Association

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Member from 1983 to Present

- **California Council of Civil Engineers and land Surveyors**
Member from 1984 to 1995
- **Property Owners' Association of Riverside County**
Member from 1990 to Present
- **Riverside County Airport land Use Commission**
Committee Member and Past Chairman from 1996 to 2002
- **Riverside Art Museum (Julia Morgan Society)**
Corporate Member from 1996 to 2003
- **Riverside County Aviation Commission**
Committee Member from 1996 to 1999
- **City of Riverside**
City Council Member from 2000 to Present
- **City of Riverside**
Mayor Pro Tempore from January to June 2003
- **March Joint Powers Commission of the March Joint Powers Authority**
Commission Member from 2004 to 2006

City Committees

- **Land Use Committee**
- **Governmental Affairs Committee**
- **Development Committee**

Achievements

- **Entrepreneur of the Year Award (Crescendo Award) - Runner up for an annual award presentation sponsored by Ernst & Young**
Recognition in 1989
- **Building Industry Association**
Member of the Month in 1987
- **County of San Bernardino Sheriffs Department**
Level Three Volunteer Officer from 1995 to Present

- **Candidates Forum for the Sixty-Fourth State Assembly District**
Moderator in 1996
- **Commemorative Air Force, Inland Empire Chapter**
Member from 1996 to Present
- **Victoria Country Club**
Member from 1995 to Present
- **Exchange Club for the Magnolia Center**
Member from 2002 to Present
- **Cessna Pilot's Association**
Member from 2003 to Present

Personal Interests

Council Member Adkison possesses a pilot license to fly an aircraft and enjoys flying, water sports, and gardening activities during his leisure time. While his personal interests extend beyond the business community, Council Member Adkison is a parishioner of 81. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church located in Riverside, California.